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West Virginia
Economic Summary

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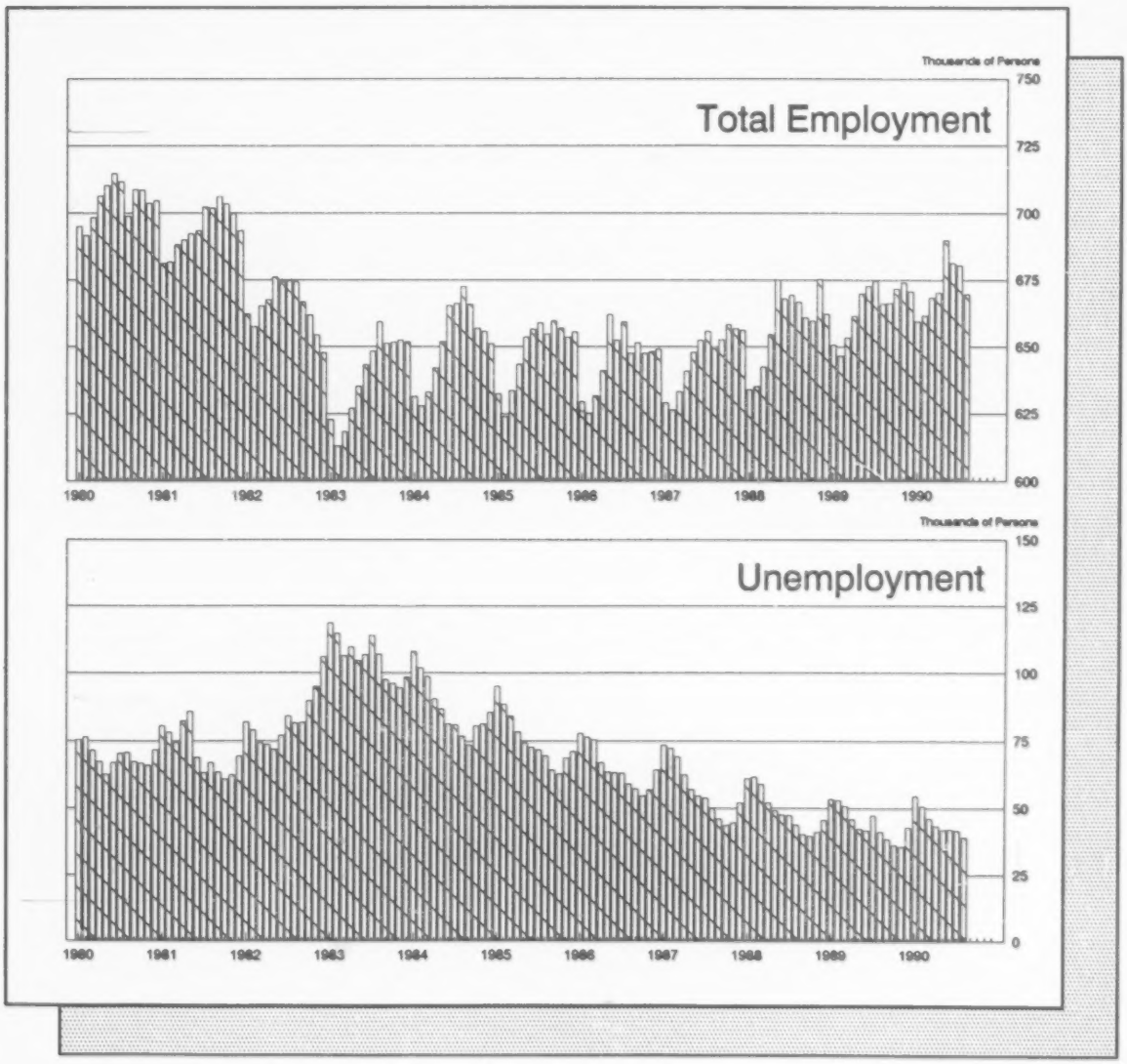

West Virginia Economic Indicators

	August 1990	July 1990	August 1989
Average Weekly Hours in Manufacturing			
Unadjusted	40.7	40.2	40.3
Seasonally Adjusted	40.9	40.6	40.5
Total Production Worker Hours in Manufacturing (000), Weekly, Unadjusted	2,688	2,697	2,726
Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	$471.31	$471.14	$446.93
Average Weekly Hours in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	41.5	42.5	43.5
Average Weekly Earnings in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	$725.84	$775.63	$773.00
Coal Production (000 Tons)			
Unadjusted	14,684	12,571	13,268
Seasonally Adjusted	13,827	15,777	12,493
Commercial and Industrial Electric Power Sales (000,000 KWH)			
Unadjusted	1,147	1,117	1,097
Seasonally Adjusted	1,140	1,154	1,090
New Motor Vehicle Registrations, Unadjusted	6,941	9,030	8,847
Interstate Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	934	903	787
Seasonally Adjusted	989	853	834
Average Weekly Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	1,532	1,694	1,488
Seasonally Adjusted	1,713	1,513	1,664
Insured Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	2.2	2.5	2.5
Seasonally Adjusted	2.8	2.8	3.1
Total Unemployment Rate, Seasonally Adjusted (WV Series)	6.0	6.0	6.3

NOTE: Data for prior month and year may be revised from previously published figures.

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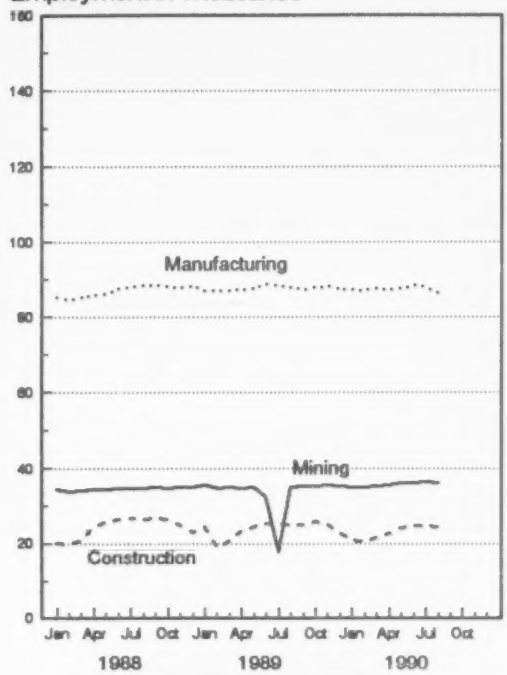
Selected National Data

	August 1990	July 1990	August 1989
Civilian Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	5.4	5.5	5.1
Seasonally Adjusted	5.6	5.5	5.2
Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers			
Unadjusted			
1982-84 Base	131.6	130.4	124.6
1967 Base	394.1	390.7	373.1
Producer Price Index, Finished Goods			
Unadjusted, 1982 Base	119.2	118.0	113.4
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance (000)			
Week including 12th, Unadjusted	313.6	432.7	288.3
Insured Unemployment Rate, Week including 12th			
Unadjusted	2.2	2.3	2.0
Seasonally Adjusted	2.4	2.4	2.1

Trends in the West Virginia Labor Market

Goods Producing Employment

Employment in Thousands



Service Producing Employment

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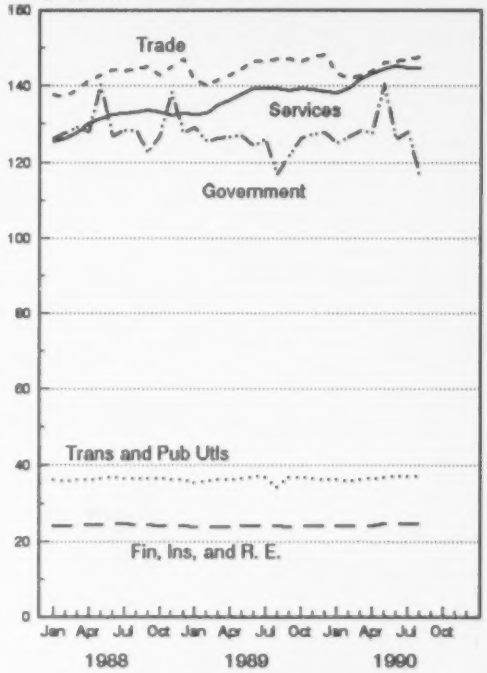
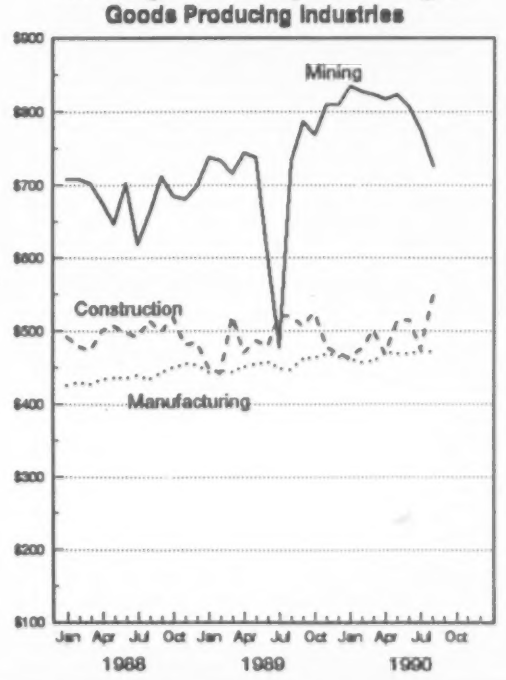


Average Weekly Earnings

Goods Producing Industries



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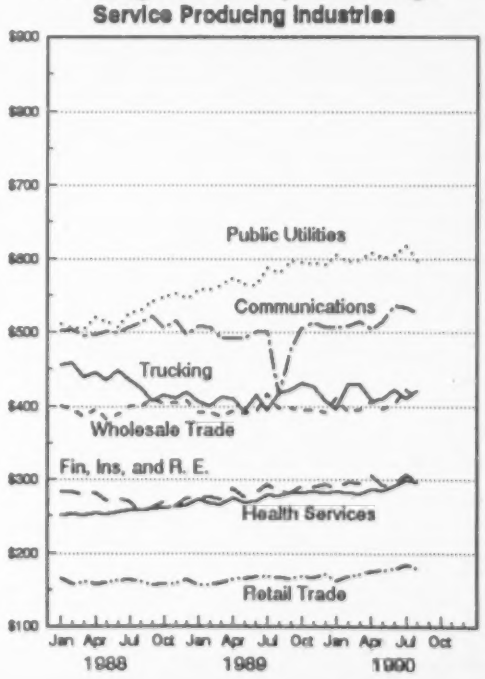

Total Employment, Unemployment, and Civilian Labor Force In West Virginia

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89	Change From: July 1990	Change From: Aug. 1989
Civilian Labor Force	708.5	721.9	707.1	-13.4	1.4
Total Employment	669.5	680.4	666.1	-10.9	3.4
Total Unemployment	39.0	41.5	41.1	-2.5	-2.1
Unemployment Rate	5.5	5.7	5.8	xx	xx

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Civilian Labor Force	776.1	780.4	771.0	-4.3	5.1
Total Employment	708.8	724.5	712.4	-15.7	-3.6
Total Unemployment	67.2	55.9	58.7	11.3	8.5
Unemployment Rate	8.7	7.2	7.6	xx	xx

EMPLOYMENT: Total employment decreased 10,900 during the month to an estimated 669,500 in mid-August. A seasonal employment decline always occurs in August, as the Governor's Summer Youth Program employment of over 9,000 comes to an end. This August, the wind-down of federal census workers' employment has made the contraction a little sharper.

Payroll employment in the nonagricultural sectors of West Virginia's economy stood at 618,400 in mid-August, 12,200 fewer than a month ago. In the goods-producing industries, an accumulation of scattered minor downturns caused mining to shrink 300, construction to lose a slight 100 and manufacturing to be off by 1,200. No one manufacturing industry went down by more than 100 except chemicals, which lost 300. Among service-producing industries, government experienced major seasonal losses while other service industries maintained their employment or slightly increased it. Trade, which added 800 overall, is showing strength in almost every category. On the other hand, transportation and public utilities, finance, insurance and real estate, and services remained virtually unchanged since last month. In government, the loss of 9,200 Governor's Summer Youth Program workers was augmented by a layoff of 1,300 federal census enumerators plus a seasonal decline of 800 in local government education. Total government employment went down 11,500 since last month.

Compared with August of last year, nonagricultural payroll employment has grown by 8,400 jobs. The improvements have been centered in the service-producing industries, which gained 9,300 since last year, while the goods-producing sector is lower by 900 since August a year ago.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment decreased 2,500 to an estimated 39,000 in mid-August. This represents an unemployment rate of 5.5 percent for August. This is the lowest August unemployment rate since 1979.

Average Hours and Earnings, West Virginia Production Workers, Select Industries

	Average Weekly Earnings Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89	Average Weekly Hours Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89	Average Hourly Earnings Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89
Manufacturing	$471.31	$471.14	$446.93	40.7	40.2	40.3	$11.58	$11.72	$11.09
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	464.26	488.67	428.65	40.3	38.2	39.6	11.52	11.74	10.77
Primary Metals Industries	512.67	540.93	557.06	42.8	42.9	43.9	12.31	12.94	12.62
Fabricated Metal Products	483.25	398.92	384.85	38.7	36.2	35.7	10.43	11.02	10.78
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	451.87	475.48	448.67	38.4	38.5	39.6	11.77	12.35	11.33
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	512.11	494.50	489.20	41.1	40.4	42.1	12.48	12.24	11.62
Chemical & Allied Products	693.31	682.60	667.95	44.5	44.0	43.8	15.58	15.50	15.25
Coal Mining	725.84	775.43	773.00	41.5	42.5	43.5	17.49	18.25	17.77
Construction	549.84	474.16	519.01	40.4	36.7	39.2	13.58	12.92	13.24

Statewide Nonagricultural Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands – Not Seasonally Adjusted)

August 1990

	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89	Change From: July 1990	Change From: Aug. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	618.4	630.6	610.0	-12.2	8.4
GOODS PRODUCING	147.1	148.7	148.0	-1.6	-0.9
Mining	36.0	36.3	35.1	-0.3	0.9
Coal Mining	30.3	30.8	29.5	-0.5	0.8
Oil & Gas Extraction	4.5	4.4	4.5	0.1	0.0
Other Mining	1.2	1.1	1.1	0.1	0.1
Construction	24.5	24.6	24.9	-0.1	-0.4
General Building Contractors	6.2	6.1	7.0	0.1	-0.8
Heavy Construction	6.9	6.6	6.0	0.3	0.9
Special Trade Contractors	11.4	11.9	11.9	-0.5	-0.5
Manufacturing	86.6	87.8	88.0	-1.2	-1.4
Durable Goods	48.5	49.2	49.8	-0.7	-1.3
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	7.6	7.7	7.6	-0.1	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	8.1	8.2	8.2	-0.1	-0.1
Primary Metals Industries	14.7	14.7	15.2	0.0	-0.5
Fabricated Metal Products	5.1	5.2	5.4	-0.1	-0.3
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	5.6	5.7	5.9	-0.1	-0.3
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	2.6	2.7	2.3	-0.1	0.3
Transportation Equipment	2.4	2.5	2.7	-0.1	-0.3
Other Durable Goods	2.4	2.5	2.5	-0.1	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	38.1	38.6	38.2	-0.5	-0.1
Food & Kindred Products	4.5	4.5	4.1	0.0	0.4
Textile Mill Products	0.8	0.9	0.9	-0.1	-0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	4.0	4.0	4.4	0.0	-0.4
Paper & Allied Products	1.1	1.0	1.3	0.1	-0.2
Printing & Publishing	5.1	5.1	5.0	0.0	0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	18.1	18.4	18.0	-0.3	0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	4.5	4.7	4.5	-0.2	0.0
SERVICE PRODUCING	471.3	481.9	462.0	-10.6	9.3
Transportation & Public Utilities	37.2	37.2	34.3	0.0	2.9
Railroad Transportation	3.9	4.0	4.0	-0.1	-0.1
Trucking & Warehousing	9.0	9.0	9.1	0.0	-0.1
Other Transportation	3.5	3.5	3.4	0.0	0.1
Communications	8.2	8.1	5.3	0.1	2.9
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	12.6	12.6	12.5	0.0	0.1
Trade	147.9	147.1	147.2	0.8	0.7
Wholesale Trade	30.6	30.4	30.5	0.2	0.1
Retail Trade	117.3	116.7	116.7	0.6	0.6
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	5.6	5.5	5.4	0.1	0.2
General Merchandise Stores	16.0	15.6	17.6	0.4	-1.6
Food Stores	22.7	22.7	23.1	0.0	-0.4
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	14.9	14.8	14.8	0.1	0.1
Apparel & Accessory Stores	6.7	6.6	5.3	0.1	1.4
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	4.7	4.7	4.7	0.0	0.0
Eating & Drinking Places	35.9	36.0	34.9	-0.1	1.0
Miscellaneous Retail	10.8	10.8	10.9	0.0	-0.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	24.6	24.6	24.1	0.0	0.5
Finance	13.8	13.9	13.7	-0.1	0.1
Insurance	6.6	6.5	6.3	0.1	0.3
Real Estate	4.2	4.2	4.1	0.0	0.1
Services	145.0	144.9	139.4	0.1	5.6
Agricultural Services	2.7	2.8	2.2	-0.1	0.5
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	9.2	9.2	8.6	0.0	0.6
Personal Services	5.8	5.9	6.2	-0.1	-0.4
Business Services	13.8	13.7	13.4	0.1	0.4
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.1	6.1	5.7	0.0	0.4
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	6.8	6.7	6.9	0.1	-0.1
Health Services	55.7	55.7	53.2	0.0	2.5
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	10.3	10.3	9.6	0.0	0.7
Hospitals	28.3	28.3	27.1	0.0	1.2
Other Health Services	17.1	17.1	16.5	0.0	0.6
Legal Services	4.0	4.0	3.7	0.0	0.3
Educational Services	3.7	3.7	3.9	0.0	-0.2
Social Services	8.8	8.7	8.0	0.1	0.8
Membership Organizations	19.7	19.7	19.5	0.0	0.2
Engineering & Management Services	7.7	7.7	7.0	0.0	0.7
Government	116.6	128.1	117.0	-11.5	-0.4
Federal	16.0	17.3	16.7	-1.3	-0.7
Hospitals	2.9	2.9	3.0	0.0	-0.1
U S Postal Service	5.0	5.0	5.2	0.0	-0.2
Other Federal	8.1	9.4	8.5	-1.3	-0.4
State	34.9	44.0	34.1	-9.1	0.8
Hospitals	2.8	2.9	3.0	-0.1	-0.2
Education	12.8	12.6	11.7	0.2	1.1
Other State	19.3	28.5	19.4	-9.2	-0.1
Local	65.7	66.8	66.2	-1.1	-0.5
Hospitals	4.9	4.9	4.9	0.0	0.0
Education	40.2	41.0	40.0	-0.8	0.2
Other Local	20.6	20.9	21.3	-0.3	-0.7
Total Private Sector	501.8	502.5	493.0	-0.7	8.8
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.3	0.3	3.3	xx	xx

Women Workers
Statewide Nonagricultural Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands – Not Seasonally Adjusted)

August 1990

	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89	Change From: July 1990	Change From: Aug. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	267.1	271.2	249.0	-4.1	18.1
GOODS PRODUCING	24.2	24.3	23.4	-0.1	0.8
Mining	2.1	2.1	1.9	0.0	0.2
Coal Mining	1.2	1.2	1.0	0.0	0.2
Oil & Gas Extraction	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Construction	2.0	2.0	1.7	0.0	0.3
General Building Contractors	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Heavy Construction	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.1
Special Trade Contractors	1.1	1.1	0.9	0.0	0.2
Manufacturing	20.1	20.2	19.8	-0.1	0.3
Durable Goods	7.9	7.8	7.7	0.1	0.2
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2.4	2.4	2.4	0.0	0.0
Primary Metals Industries	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Fabricated Metal Products	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.1	0.0
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.0	-0.1
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.0	0.2
Transportation Equipment	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Other Durable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.0	0.1
Nondurable Goods	12.2	12.4	12.1	-0.2	0.1
Food & Kindred Products	1.2	1.2	0.9	0.0	0.3
Textile Mill Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	3.3	3.4	3.6	-0.1	-0.3
Paper & Allied Products	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.1	-0.2
Printing & Publishing	1.9	1.9	1.7	0.0	0.2
Chemical & Allied Products	3.1	3.2	2.8	-0.1	0.3
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.8	1.9	-0.1	-0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	242.9	246.9	225.6	-4.0	17.3
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.0	8.0	6.5	0.0	1.5
Trucking & Warehousing	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
Other Transportation	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.0	0.1
Communications	3.5	3.5	2.3	0.0	1.2
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	2.5	2.5	2.3	0.0	0.2
Trade	67.3	66.4	60.4	0.9	6.9
Wholesale Trade	5.6	5.6	5.3	0.0	0.3
Retail Trade	61.7	60.8	55.1	0.9	6.6
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.0	0.2
General Merchandise Stores	10.4	10.1	10.1	0.3	0.3
Food Stores	11.5	11.3	10.0	0.2	1.5
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	3.4	3.4	3.0	0.0	0.4
Apparel & Accessory Stores	5.5	5.4	4.1	0.1	1.4
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0
Eating & Drinking Places	20.4	20.2	18.2	0.2	2.2
Miscellaneous Retail	8.0	7.9	7.4	0.1	0.6
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	15.2	15.3	15.1	-0.1	0.1
Finance	10.5	10.6	9.8	-0.1	0.7
Insurance	3.0	3.0	3.4	0.0	-0.4
Real Estate	1.7	1.7	1.9	0.0	-0.2
Services	92.6	92.3	86.9	0.3	5.7
Agricultural Services	1.0	1.1	0.8	-0.1	0.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	4.9	4.8	4.0	0.1	0.9
Personal Services	3.5	3.4	3.2	0.1	0.3
Business Services	6.5	6.8	6.0	-0.3	0.5
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	1.1	1.2	1.2	-0.1	-0.1
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	3.2	3.2	2.8	0.0	0.4
Health Services	45.5	45.4	42.9	0.1	2.6
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	8.9	8.8	6.9	0.1	2.0
Hospitals	23.0	23.0	22.3	0.0	0.7
Other Health Services	13.6	13.6	13.7	0.0	-0.1
Legal Services	3.1	3.1	2.9	0.0	0.2
Educational Services	2.0	2.0	2.1	0.0	-0.1
Social Services	6.1	6.1	5.5	0.0	0.6
Membership Organizations	12.1	11.7	11.9	0.4	0.2
Engineering & Management Services	2.9	2.8	2.9	0.1	0.0
Government	59.8	64.9	56.7	-5.1	3.1
Federal	6.7	7.7	7.0	-1.0	-0.3
Hospitals	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0
U S Postal Service	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
Other Federal	3.8	4.8	4.1	-1.0	-0.3
State	15.8	19.5	14.9	-3.7	0.9
Hospitals	1.9	2.0	2.1	-0.1	-0.2
Education	6.5	6.4	4.9	0.1	1.6
Other State	7.4	11.1	7.9	-3.7	-0.5
Local	37.3	37.7	34.8	-0.4	2.5
Hospitals	4.1	4.1	4.0	0.0	0.1
Education	25.7	26.1	23.7	-0.4	2.0
Other Local	7.5	7.5	7.1	0.0	0.4
Total Private Sector	207.3	206.3	192.3	1.0	15.0

County Emphasis

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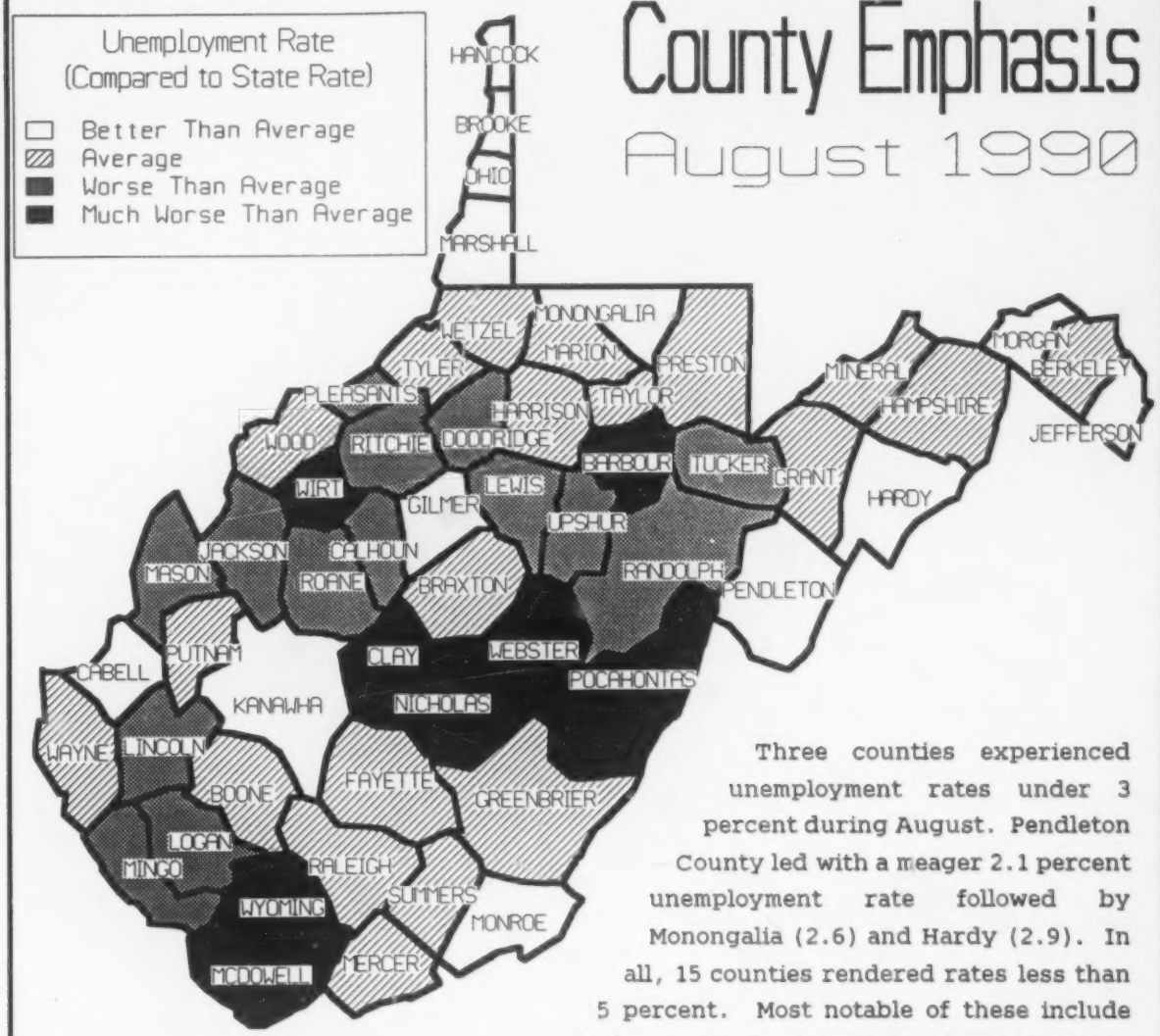

Three counties experienced unemployment rates under 3 percent during August. Pendleton County led with a meager 2.1 percent unemployment rate followed by Monongalia (2.6) and Hardy (2.9). In all, 15 counties rendered rates less than 5 percent. Most notable of these include Jefferson (3.1), Ohio (3.2), Hancock (3.5), Monroe (3.6), and Kanawha (3.7). Significant declines in unemployment rates were recorded by Pleasants (-2.5), Doddridge (-2.1), Taylor (-1.9), Ritchie (-1.7), and Hampshire (-1.7).

Though the highest unemployment rates were observed in Webster (14.6) and McDowell (12.9), the data represented declines for each from the previous month. Other counties gripped by double-digit unemployment rates include Wirt (11.4), Nicholas (10.1), and Barbour (10.0).

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

*(WV Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Division of Employment Security)**

August 1990
(Revised July 1990 in parentheses)

THESE LABOR FORCE STATISTICS WERE DESIGNED TO BE USED FOR ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

County	Civilian Labor Force		Employment		Unemployment		Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force	
Barbour	4,220	(4,320)	3,790	(3,900)	420	(420)	10.0	(9.7)
Berkeley	26,240	(26,670)	25,000	(25,310)	1,240	(1,370)	4.7	(5.1)
Boone	7,800	(8,010)	7,300	(7,490)	500	(520)	6.4	(6.5)
Braxton	5,360	(5,530)	5,030	(5,150)	330	(380)	6.2	(6.9)
Brooke	10,280	(10,420)	9,840	(9,890)	430	(530)	4.2	(5.1)
Cabell	41,730	(42,160)	39,970	(40,210)	1,760	(1,950)	4.2	(4.6)
Calhoun	2,900	(2,970)	2,630	(2,690)	270	(280)	9.2	(9.4)
Clay	2,650	(2,850)	2,390	(2,550)	260	(300)	9.9	(10.5)
Doddridge	2,320	(2,430)	2,170	(2,220)	150	(210)	6.6	(8.7)
Fayette	16,210	(16,730)	15,180	(15,570)	1,030	(1,160)	6.3	(6.9)
Gilmer	2,720	(2,840)	2,600	(2,690)	120	(140)	4.3	(5.0)
Grant	4,020	(4,080)	3,770	(3,840)	260	(240)	6.3	(5.9)
Greenbrier	14,440	(14,910)	13,650	(13,920)	790	(990)	5.5	(6.7)
Hampshire	6,630	(6,760)	6,200	(6,200)	430	(550)	6.5	(8.2)
Hancock	13,670	(13,810)	13,190	(13,240)	490	(570)	3.5	(4.1)
Hardy	5,680	(5,710)	5,510	(5,520)	170	(180)	2.9	(3.2)
Harrison	28,190	(28,950)	26,560	(27,220)	1,630	(1,740)	5.8	(6.0)
Jackson	8,860	(8,810)	8,210	(8,220)	650	(590)	7.3	(6.7)
Jefferson	18,860	(19,140)	18,280	(18,520)	580	(620)	3.1	(3.2)
Kanawha	96,300	(96,880)	92,700	(93,100)	3,600	(3,780)	3.7	(3.9)
Lewis	6,780	(7,070)	6,210	(6,550)	570	(520)	8.4	(7.4)
Lincoln	7,090	(7,510)	6,420	(6,820)	680	(690)	9.5	(9.2)
Logan	12,800	(13,170)	11,720	(12,040)	1,080	(1,130)	8.4	(8.6)
McDowell	6,330	(6,700)	5,520	(5,800)	820	(900)	12.9	(13.4)
Marion	20,810	(21,060)	19,580	(19,820)	1,230	(1,240)	5.9	(5.9)
Marshall	14,230	(14,570)	13,630	(13,800)	610	(770)	4.3	(5.3)
Mason	8,320	(8,680)	7,660	(8,030)	660	(650)	8.0	(7.5)
Mercer	25,060	(25,490)	23,750	(24,100)	1,310	(1,400)	5.2	(5.5)
Mineral	10,410	(10,260)	9,860	(9,940)	560	(320)	5.3	(3.1)
Mingo	10,170	(10,710)	9,400	(9,870)	770	(840)	7.6	(7.8)
Monongalia	36,990	(37,080)	36,030	(36,040)	970	(1,040)	2.6	(2.8)
Monroe	4,990	(5,130)	4,810	(4,900)	180	(220)	3.6	(4.3)
Morgan	4,980	(5,130)	4,760	(4,850)	220	(280)	4.4	(5.5)
Nicholas	8,550	(8,760)	7,690	(7,890)	860	(860)	10.1	(9.9)
Ohio	23,860	(24,320)	23,090	(23,390)	770	(940)	3.2	(3.9)
Pendleton	3,970	(4,060)	3,880	(3,960)	80	(100)	2.1	(2.4)
Pleasants	2,230	(2,370)	2,060	(2,120)	180	(250)	7.9	(10.4)
Pocahontas	4,310	(4,500)	3,890	(4,110)	430	(390)	9.9	(8.7)
Preston	11,830	(11,880)	11,220	(11,230)	610	(650)	5.1	(5.5)
Putnam	16,350	(16,440)	15,550	(15,620)	800	(820)	4.9	(5.0)
Raleigh	26,490	(27,120)	24,830	(25,430)	1,660	(1,690)	6.3	(6.2)
Randolph	11,210	(11,660)	10,210	(10,460)	1,000	(1,190)	8.9	(10.2)
Ritchie	4,960	(5,240)	4,490	(4,660)	470	(580)	9.4	(11.1)
Roane	4,460	(4,660)	4,050	(4,220)	410	(440)	9.2	(9.4)
Summers	4,140	(4,280)	3,890	(4,030)	260	(250)	6.2	(5.8)
Taylor	5,540	(5,790)	5,210	(5,330)	330	(450)	5.9	(7.8)
Tucker	3,880	(4,120)	3,560	(3,770)	330	(350)	8.4	(8.4)
Tyler	4,520	(4,600)	4,230	(4,300)	290	(310)	6.4	(6.6)
Upshur	7,510	(7,820)	6,930	(7,160)	580	(660)	7.7	(8.4)
Wayne	15,110	(15,330)	14,340	(14,430)	770	(900)	5.1	(5.9)
Webster	2,960	(3,040)	2,520	(2,590)	430	(450)	14.6	(14.8)
Wetzel	8,800	(9,010)	8,260	(8,400)	540	(610)	6.1	(6.8)
Wirt	2,510	(2,600)	2,220	(2,340)	290	(260)	11.4	(10.0)
Wood	40,780	(40,680)	38,170	(38,540)	2,610	(2,140)	6.4	(5.3)
Wyoming	6,550	(7,070)	5,920	(6,390)	630	(690)	9.6	(9.7)

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*The West Virginia Division of Employment Security and the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics use different methodologies in calculating the unemployment rate.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

*(BLS Series Labor Force Data – Using U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Methodology)**

August 1990
(Revised July 1990 in parentheses)

APPROVED BY THE U. S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS TO ALLOCATE FEDERAL FUNDS AND DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

County	Civilian Labor Force		Employment		Unemployment		Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force	
Barbour	4,750	(4,720)	4,020	(4,160)	730	(570)	15.4	(12.0)
Berkeley	28,610	(28,790)	26,470	(26,950)	2,140	(1,840)	7.5	(6.4)
Boone	8,590	(8,680)	7,730	(7,980)	860	(700)	10.0	(8.1)
Braxton	5,890	(6,000)	5,330	(5,480)	570	(520)	9.7	(8.6)
Brooke	11,170	(11,240)	10,420	(10,530)	750	(710)	6.7	(6.4)
Cabell	45,350	(45,440)	42,320	(42,820)	3,030	(2,620)	6.7	(5.8)
Calhoun	3,250	(3,240)	2,790	(2,870)	460	(380)	14.1	(11.6)
Clay	2,980	(3,120)	2,530	(2,720)	450	(400)	15.2	(12.9)
Doddridge	2,560	(2,650)	2,300	(2,370)	260	(280)	10.3	(10.7)
Fayette	17,840	(18,140)	16,070	(16,580)	1,770	(1,560)	9.9	(8.6)
Gilmer	2,950	(3,060)	2,750	(2,870)	200	(190)	6.8	(6.3)
Grant	4,430	(4,420)	3,990	(4,090)	440	(320)	9.9	(7.3)
Greenbrier	15,810	(16,160)	14,450	(14,820)	1,360	(1,340)	8.6	(8.3)
Hampshire	7,310	(7,350)	6,570	(6,610)	740	(750)	10.1	(10.1)
Hancock	14,800	(14,860)	13,960	(14,100)	840	(760)	5.7	(5.1)
Hardy	6,120	(6,130)	5,840	(5,880)	290	(250)	4.7	(4.0)
Harrison	30,930	(31,320)	28,130	(28,980)	2,800	(2,340)	9.1	(7.5)
Jackson	9,810	(9,550)	8,700	(8,750)	1,120	(790)	11.4	(8.3)
Jefferson	20,360	(20,550)	19,360	(19,720)	1,010	(840)	4.9	(4.1)
Kanawha	104,360	(104,220)	98,150	(99,140)	6,210	(5,080)	5.9	(4.9)
Lewis	7,560	(7,680)	6,570	(6,980)	990	(700)	13.0	(9.2)
Lincoln	7,960	(8,190)	6,800	(7,260)	1,160	(930)	14.6	(11.4)
Logan	14,260	(14,350)	12,410	(12,820)	1,860	(1,520)	13.0	(10.6)
McDowell	7,240	(7,380)	5,840	(6,170)	1,400	(1,210)	19.4	(16.4)
Marion	22,850	(22,780)	20,730	(21,110)	2,120	(1,670)	9.3	(7.3)
Marshall	15,470	(15,740)	14,430	(14,700)	1,040	(1,040)	6.7	(6.6)
Mason	9,250	(9,430)	8,110	(8,550)	1,140	(880)	12.3	(9.3)
Mercer	27,400	(27,540)	25,150	(25,660)	2,250	(1,880)	8.2	(6.8)
Mineral	11,390	(11,010)	10,430	(10,580)	960	(430)	8.4	(3.9)
Mingo	11,280	(11,640)	9,950	(10,510)	1,330	(1,130)	11.8	(9.7)
Monongalia	39,810	(39,780)	38,150	(38,380)	1,660	(1,400)	4.2	(3.5)
Monroe	5,400	(5,520)	5,090	(5,220)	310	(300)	5.8	(5.4)
Morgan	5,410	(5,550)	5,040	(5,170)	380	(380)	7.0	(6.8)
Nicholas	9,630	(9,570)	8,140	(8,410)	1,490	(1,160)	15.4	(12.1)
Ohio	25,770	(26,170)	24,450	(24,900)	1,320	(1,260)	5.1	(4.8)
Pendleton	4,250	(4,350)	4,110	(4,220)	140	(130)	3.3	(3.0)
Pleasants	2,480	(2,590)	2,180	(2,260)	300	(330)	12.2	(12.8)
Pocahontas	4,850	(4,910)	4,120	(4,380)	730	(530)	15.1	(10.8)
Preston	12,930	(12,830)	11,880	(11,960)	1,040	(880)	8.1	(6.8)
Putnam	17,840	(17,730)	16,460	(16,630)	1,380	(1,100)	7.7	(6.2)
Raleigh	29,150	(29,350)	26,290	(27,080)	2,860	(2,280)	9.8	(7.8)
Randolph	12,530	(12,750)	10,820	(11,140)	1,720	(1,610)	13.7	(12.6)
Ritchie	5,560	(5,740)	4,750	(4,960)	800	(790)	14.5	(13.7)
Roane	4,990	(5,090)	4,290	(4,500)	700	(590)	14.1	(11.6)
Summers	4,560	(4,630)	4,110	(4,290)	450	(340)	9.8	(7.3)
Taylor	6,080	(6,290)	5,510	(5,680)	570	(610)	9.3	(9.7)
Tucker	4,330	(4,490)	3,770	(4,020)	560	(470)	12.9	(10.4)
Tyler	4,980	(4,990)	4,480	(4,570)	500	(410)	10.1	(8.2)
Upshur	8,340	(8,510)	7,340	(7,630)	1,000	(890)	12.0	(10.4)
Wayne	16,500	(16,580)	15,180	(15,360)	1,320	(1,220)	8.0	(7.3)
Webster	3,420	(3,360)	2,670	(2,760)	750	(600)	21.8	(18.0)
Wetzel	9,670	(9,770)	8,750	(8,940)	920	(830)	9.5	(8.4)
Wirt	2,840	(2,840)	2,350	(2,490)	490	(350)	17.3	(12.3)
Wood	44,910	(43,920)	40,420	(41,040)	4,490	(2,880)	10.0	(6.6)
Wyoming	7,350	(7,720)	6,270	(6,800)	1,090	(930)	14.8	(12.0)

All data have been revised to March 1989 benchmark.

*Calculated according to Current Population Survey adjusted to BLS procedures.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by Local Area

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands – Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	112.7	113.3	108.8
Unemployment	4.4	4.6	4.9
Rate (%)	3.9	4.1	4.5
Employment	108.2	108.7	103.9
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	123.2	124.6	121.8
Unemployment	4.9	5.6	4.7
Rate (%)	4.0	4.5	3.8
Employment	118.3	118.9	117.1
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	69.5	69.4	68.0
Unemployment	3.7	3.1	2.6
Rate (%)	5.4	4.5	3.8
Employment	65.7	66.3	65.4
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	68.1	69.4	67.8
Unemployment	2.1	2.5	2.5
Rate (%)	3.0	3.6	3.7
Employment	66.1	66.8	65.3
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	36.0	37.2	36.2
Unemployment	2.1	2.4	2.3
Rate (%)	5.8	6.5	6.4
Employment	33.9	34.8	33.9
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	11.5	11.8	12.2
Unemployment	1.3	1.3	1.3
Rate (%)	11.3	11.1	10.4
Employment	10.2	10.5	10.9
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	48.8	49.0	48.4
Unemployment	1.6	1.7	1.7
Rate (%)	3.2	3.5	3.5
Employment	47.3	47.3	46.7
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	13.3	13.6	13.6
Unemployment	0.8	0.9	0.9
Rate (%)	6.2	6.7	6.6
Employment	12.5	12.7	12.7
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	19.4	20.0	20.0
Unemployment	1.0	1.2	0.9
Rate (%)	5.0	6.1	4.4
Employment	18.5	18.8	19.1

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands – Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	122.2	122.0	118.1
Unemployment	7.6	6.2	7.0
Rate (%)	6.2	5.1	5.9
Employment	114.6	115.8	111.2
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	131.1	132.1	131.1
Unemployment	8.5	8.1	7.6
Rate (%)	6.4	6.1	5.8
Employment	122.6	124.0	123.5
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	75.3	73.9	73.6
Unemployment	6.4	4.4	4.1
Rate (%)	8.5	6.0	5.6
Employment	69.0	69.5	69.5
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	72.8	73.6	73.3
Unemployment	3.5	3.6	3.9
Rate (%)	4.8	4.9	5.4
Employment	69.3	70.0	69.4
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	39.6	40.3	39.5
Unemployment	3.6	3.2	3.3
Rate (%)	9.2	8.0	8.4
Employment	35.9	37.0	36.2
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	13.0	12.9	13.5
Unemployment	2.2	1.8	1.9
Rate (%)	17.1	13.7	14.0
Employment	10.8	11.2	11.6
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	52.7	52.6	52.4
Unemployment	2.7	2.3	2.4
Rate (%)	5.1	4.3	4.6
Employment	50.0	50.3	50.0
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	14.6	14.8	14.9
Unemployment	1.4	1.2	1.3
Rate (%)	9.7	8.4	8.6
Employment	13.2	13.5	13.6
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	21.2	21.7	21.7
Unemployment	1.7	1.6	1.3
Rate (%)	7.9	7.5	5.8
Employment	19.5	20.0	20.4

Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Kanawha and Putnam, West Virginia)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: In the Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area, total nonagricultural wage and salary employment decreased during August 1990 (-200). This overall decline resulted from a decrease in the government sector (-800), largely due to the end of the Governor's Summer Youth Program. All other major industries remained relatively unchanged. Comparison with year-ago August 1989 data reveals a significant increase of 6,200 jobs. In the goods-producing sector, construction advanced by 1,400. In the service-producing sector, services (+1,300) and retail trade (+1,000) increased over the year. However, the increase in transportation and public utilities (+1,400) resulted from the settlement of a labor-management dispute.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment declined slightly during August 1990 (-200) in the Charleston MSA. The unemployment rate also fell slightly from 4.1 percent to 3.9 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with year-ago data reveals a 500 decrease in total unemployment, while the corresponding unemployment rate declined from 4.5 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89
Labor Force	112.7	113.3	108.8
Unemployment	4.4	4.6	4.9
Rate (%)	3.9	4.1	4.5
Employment	108.2	108.7	103.9

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89
Labor Force	122.2	122.0	118.1
Unemployment	7.6	6.2	7.0
Rate (%)	6.2	5.1	5.9
Employment	114.6	115.8	111.2

NONAGRICULTURAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89	Change From: July 1990	Change From: Aug. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	113.7	113.9	107.5	-0.2	6.2
GOODS PRODUCING	18.6	18.4	16.8	0.2	1.8
Mining	2.1	2.0	1.9	0.1	0.2
Construction	5.5	5.3	4.1	0.2	1.4
Manufacturing	11.0	11.1	10.8	-0.1	0.2
Durable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	9.4	9.5	9.2	-0.1	0.2
Chemical & Allied Products	7.9	8.0	7.9	-0.1	0.0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.5	1.3	0.0	0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	95.1	95.5	90.7	-0.4	4.4
Transportation & Public Utilities	9.3	9.1	7.9	0.2	1.4
Trade	30.3	30.2	29.1	0.1	1.2
Wholesale Trade	7.4	7.4	7.2	0.0	0.2
Retail Trade	22.9	22.8	21.9	0.1	1.0
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	6.2	6.2	6.3	0.0	-0.1
Services	28.9	28.8	27.6	0.1	1.3
Health Services	10.8	10.9	10.5	-0.1	0.3
Government	20.4	21.2	19.8	-0.8	0.6
Federal	1.9	2.0	1.8	-0.1	0.1
State	9.7	10.6	9.7	-0.9	0.0
Local	8.8	8.6	8.3	0.2	0.5
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.1	0.1	1.1	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings: Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89	Average Weekly Hours: Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89	Average Hourly Earnings: Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89
Manufacturing	$593.76	$606.98	$563.21	44.0	44.5	42.7	$13.54	$13.64	$13.19
Nondurable Goods	625.68	635.55	592.11	44.0	44.6	43.0	14.22	14.25	13.77
Chemical & Allied Products	708.95	714.38	646.32	45.3	45.1	44.9	15.65	15.84	14.84

Huntington-Ashland-Ironton Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Cabell and Wayne, West Virginia;
Boyd, Carter and Greenup, Kentucky; Lawrence, Ohio)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton Metropolitan Statistical Area decreased by 700 during August 1990. The goods-producing industries increased by only 100, while the service -producing sector declined by 800. The seasonal decrease in state government was the driving force behind the overall decline. Retail trade increased by 200 over the month.

UNEMPLOYMENT: The unemployment rate in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton Metropolitan Statistical Area fell by .5 percent from 4.5 to 4.0 percent during August 1990. The August 1989 rate (3.8) was slightly below the current figure.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89
Labor Force	123.2	124.6	121.8
Unemployment	4.9	5.6	4.7
Rate (%)	4.0	4.5	3.8
Employment	118.3	118.9	117.1

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89
Labor Force	131.1	132.1	131.1
Unemployment	8.5	8.1	7.6
Rate (%)	6.4	6.1	5.8
Employment	122.6	124.0	123.5

NONAGRICULTURAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89	Change From: July 1990	Change From: Aug. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	110.0	110.7	108.3	-0.7	1.7
GOODS PRODUCING	27.8	27.7	27.4	0.1	0.4
Mining	1.7	1.6	1.5	0.1	0.2
Construction	5.5	5.5	5.1	0.0	0.4
Manufacturing	20.6	20.6	20.8	0.0	-0.2
Durable Goods	12.1	12.1	12.2	0.0	-0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.6	1.7	1.7	-0.1	-0.1
Primary Metals Industries	7.8	7.7	7.8	0.1	0.0
Other Durable Goods	2.7	2.7	2.7	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	8.5	8.5	8.6	0.0	-0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.5	1.5	1.7	0.0	-0.2
Chemical & Allied Products	4.6	4.6	4.6	0.0	0.0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.4	2.4	2.3	0.0	0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	82.2	83.0	80.9	-0.8	1.3
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.1	8.1	7.9	0.0	0.2
Trade	28.5	28.3	27.5	0.2	1.0
Wholesale Trade	5.5	5.5	5.5	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	23.0	22.8	22.0	0.2	1.0
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.9	3.9	3.8	0.0	0.1
Services	24.5	24.6	24.2	-0.1	0.3
Health Services	10.2	10.3	10.1	-0.1	0.1
Government	17.2	18.1	17.5	-0.9	-0.3
Federal	3.0	3.1	2.8	-0.1	0.2
State	3.8	4.5	3.9	-0.7	-0.1
Local	10.4	10.5	10.8	-0.1	-0.4
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.2	XX	XX

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings Prelim. Aug.'90	Average Weekly Earnings Revised July'90	Average Weekly Earnings Revised Aug.'89	Average Weekly Hours Prelim. Aug.'90	Average Weekly Hours Revised July'90	Average Weekly Hours Revised Aug.'89	Average Hourly Earnings Prelim. Aug.'90	Average Hourly Earnings Revised July'90	Average Hourly Earnings Revised Aug.'89
Manufacturing	$554.53	$549.86	$525.97	41.6	40.7	40.9	$13.33	$13.51	$12.86
Durable Goods	599.43	595.40	552.08	43.0	41.9	41.3	13.94	14.21	13.40
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	545.67	483.69	482.16	43.0	37.7	42.0	12.69	12.83	11.48
Primary Metals Industries	661.57	660.45	599.76	43.9	42.5	40.2	15.07	15.54	14.92
Nondurable Goods	486.98	483.21	487.62	39.4	39.0	40.5	12.36	12.39	12.04

Parkersburg-Marietta Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Wood, West Virginia; Washington, Ohio)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA was characterized by a reduction of 600 jobs during August 1990. Goods-producing and service-producing employment shared equally in the decline by recording losses of 300 each. Within goods-producing employment, manufacturing registered a decrease (-200) while construction dipped (-100) slightly. Service-producing employment declines were noted in trade (-100), finance, insurance and real estate (-100), and government (-200). Services provided the sole increase (+100). Comparison to year-ago data reveals growth in total nonagricultural wage and salary employment of 800. Service-producing businesses added 1,000 jobs to overshadow a 200 job reduction in goods-producing industries. Most notable advances within the service-producing sector were delivered by trade (+300), finance, insurance and real estate (+100) and services (+400). Manufacturing endured the single loss (-200) within goods-producing employment while mining and construction remain unchanged.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment for the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA rose 600 during August 1990. The unemployment rate for the area increased as well to 5.4 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89
Labor Force	69.5	69.4	68.0
Unemployment	3.7	3.1	2.6
Rate (%)	5.4	4.5	3.8
Employment	65.7	66.3	65.4

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89
Labor Force	75.3	73.9	73.6
Unemployment	6.4	4.4	4.1
Rate (%)	8.5	6.0	5.6
Employment	69.0	69.5	69.5

NONAGRICULTURAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89	Change From: July 1990	Change From: Aug. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	62.1	62.7	61.3	-0.6	0.8
GOODS PRODUCING	18.0	18.3	18.2	-0.3	-0.2
Mining	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Construction	3.3	3.4	3.3	-0.1	0.0
Manufacturing	14.2	14.4	14.4	-0.2	-0.2
Durable Goods	7.0	7.1	7.1	-0.1	-0.1
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.0	0.0
Primary Metals Industries	2.7	2.8	2.9	-0.1	-0.2
Other Durable Goods	1.5	1.5	1.4	0.0	0.1
Nondurable Goods	7.2	7.3	7.3	-0.1	-0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	5.4	5.5	5.5	-0.1	-0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.0	0.0
SERVICE PRODUCING	44.1	44.4	43.1	-0.3	1.0
Transportation & Public Utilities	2.6	2.6	2.4	0.0	0.2
Trade	15.5	15.6	15.2	-0.1	0.3
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	3.0	0.0	-0.1
Retail Trade	12.6	12.7	12.2	-0.1	0.4
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	2.2	2.3	2.1	-0.1	0.1
Services	14.7	14.6	14.3	0.1	0.4
Health Services	4.6	4.6	4.4	0.0	0.2
Government	9.1	9.3	9.1	-0.2	0.0
Federal	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.0	0.0
State	1.0	1.2	1.0	-0.2	0.0
Local	6.3	6.3	6.3	0.0	0.0
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.2	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89
Manufacturing	$541.52	$549.38	$546.88	40.9	41.4	42.1	$13.24	$13.27	$12.99
Durable Goods	464.52	482.38	466.16	39.2	39.8	40.5	11.85	12.12	11.51
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	601.59	625.59	553.93	44.3	45.3	44.6	13.58	13.81	12.42
Primary Metals Industries	423.03	453.96	461.54	35.4	36.0	37.8	11.95	12.61	12.21
Nondurable Goods	629.16	627.42	639.62	42.8	43.3	43.9	14.70	14.49	14.57

Wheeling-Bridgeport Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Marshall and Ohio, West Virginia; Belmont, Ohio)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment fell by 700 during August 1990 in the Wheeling-Bridgeport MSA. A large portion of this drop can be attributed to the government sector (-500) in the form of the Governor's Summer Youth Program (seasonal) and census workers. Durable goods, and trade declined slightly by 100 each. Comparison to year-ago August 1989 reveals an increase in total nonagricultural employment of 1,100. The major contributor to this increase was retail trade (+600), mining (+300), and construction (+200).

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment decreased by 400 over the month, while the year-ago figure fell by a like number. The MSA unemployment rate declined to 3.0 percent of the civilian labor force during August 1990. The current rate is also well below the year-ago rate of 3.7 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89
Labor Force	68.1	69.4	67.8
Unemployment	2.1	2.5	2.5
Rate (%)	3.0	3.6	3.7
Employment	66.1	66.8	65.3

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89
Labor Force	72.8	73.6	73.3
Unemployment	3.5	3.6	3.9
Rate (%)	4.8	4.9	5.4
Employment	69.3	70.0	69.4

NONAGRICULTURAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89	Change From: July 1990	Change From: Aug. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	61.4	62.1	60.3	-0.7	1.1
GOODS PRODUCING	12.4	12.5	11.9	-0.1	0.5
Mining	2.5	2.5	2.2	0.0	0.3
Construction	2.4	2.4	2.2	0.0	0.2
Manufacturing	7.5	7.6	7.5	-0.1	0.0
Durable Goods	3.1	3.2	3.2	-0.1	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	4.4	4.4	4.3	0.0	0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	49.0	49.6	48.4	-0.6	0.6
Transportation & Public Utilities	3.5	3.5	3.3	0.0	0.2
Trade	17.1	17.2	16.6	-0.1	0.5
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	3.0	0.0	-0.1
Retail Trade	14.2	14.3	13.6	-0.1	0.6
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.1	3.1	3.0	0.0	0.1
Services	16.5	16.5	16.6	0.0	-0.1
Health Services	7.8	7.8	7.8	0.0	0.0
Government	8.8	9.3	8.9	-0.5	-0.1
Federal	0.7	0.8	0.7	-0.1	0.0
State	1.4	1.7	1.4	-0.3	0.0
Local	6.7	6.8	6.8	-0.1	-0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89
Manufacturing	$563.37	$552.38	$550.45	41.7	41.1	41.8	$13.51	$13.44	$13.36
Nondurable Goods	629.14	605.47	617.61	41.5	40.8	42.1	15.16	14.84	14.67
Durable Goods	488.14	495.56	492.65	41.9	41.4	41.4	11.65	11.97	11.90

Applicants and Nonagricultural Job Openings in West Virginia Job Service Offices

Occupational Category	Applicants Available Program Year to Date 2/	Active File	NONAGRICULTURAL JOB OPENINGS Received Program Year to Date 2/	UNFILLED Total	UNFILLED 30 Days or More	FILLED Total	Applicant/ Openings Program Year to Date	Active File/ Unfilled Openings End of Month
TOTAL 3/	73,935	46,526	15,549	4,072	2,315	12,319	4.8	11.4
Professional, Technical & Managerial	7,071	4,848	265	214	111	87	26.7	22.7
Clerical & Sales	20,555	13,134	2,211	1,199	709	1,517	9.3	11.0
Services	9,141	5,431	1,589	804	356	825	5.8	6.8
Agricultural, Fishery & Forestry	548	328	45	21	4	27	12.2	15.6
Processing	4,146	2,640	155	82	55	146	26.7	32.2
Machine Trades	4,843	3,331	345	300	176	77	14.0	11.1
Benchwork	3,144	2,088	381	252	177	189	8.3	8.3
Structural Work	11,283	7,504	643	450	247	276	17.5	16.7
Miscellaneous	14,576	8,073	9,915	750	480	9,175	1.5	10.8
Transportation	3,117	2,187	190	115	67	92	16.4	19.0
Packaging & Materials Handling	9,893	4,741	9,640	595	389	9,009	1.0	8.0
Other 4/	1,566	1,145	85	40	24	74	18.4	28.6
Entry Total 5/	64	38	0	0	0	6/	xx	xx

1/ Source of Data: SAMS (State Employment Security Automated Management System); Table A96 containing fully registered applicants.
2/ Period Covered: July 1, 1990 through August 31, 1990. Program Year 1990 defined as July 1, 1990 through June 30, 1991.
3/ Total excludes invalid occupational data.
4/ Includes mining, logging, utilities, miscellaneous amusement and recreation, and graphic art work.
5/ Applicants for whom a complete occupational code cannot be assigned because of lack of training/experience.

Select Unemployment Compensation Claims Activities

State UI Program Activity	August 1990	July 1990	August 1989	Percent Change to August 1990 from: July 1990	August 1989
Total Initial Claims 1/	7,045	7,455	6,845	-5.5	2.9
Total Continued Weeks	57,629	65,131	64,706	-11.5	-10.9
Total Benefits Paid	$6,709,334	$7,397,275	$7,644,655	-9.3	-12.2
Total Weeks Compensated	47,747	53,153	54,890	-10.2	-13.0
Average Weekly Payment	$140.52	$139.17	$139.27	1.0	0.9
Monthly Insured Unemployment Rate 2/	2.2	2.5	2.5	xx	xx
UC Fund Balance, End of Month	$161,566,870	$157,105,013	$150,481,261	2.8	7.4

1/ Excluding transitional claims.
2/ Seasonally unadjusted.

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